

HOUSE BILL 2440

By Dean

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to disarming or  
attempting to disarm a law enforcement officer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

39-13-115.

(a) A person commits the offense of disarming a law enforcement officer  
who knows or has reason to know a person is a law enforcement officer and  
knowingly and without the officer's permission:

(1) Removes, attempts to remove or causes to be removed a  
chemical irritant weapon, impact weapon, handcuffs, or flex-cuffs from the  
possession of the officer or deprives the officer of the use of the weapon  
or device; or

(2) Removes, attempts to remove or causes to be removed a  
firearm or stun weapon from the possession of the officer or deprives the  
officer of the use of the weapon.

(c)

(1) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(2) A violation of subdivision (a)(2) is a Class D felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.